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1. U.S. Patent No. 5,262,111 issued November 16, 1993, to Capelle et al.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,711,904 issued January 27, 1998, to Eswaran et al.
3. European Patent Application No. 1 057 603 A1 published December 6, 2000.
4. European Patent Application No. 0 512 303 A1 published November 11, 1992, to The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
5. European Patent Application No 0 490 056 A1 published June 17, 1992.
6. U.S. Patent No. 3,683,511 issued August 15, 1972, to Johnson et al.
7. U.S. Patent No. 4,876,297 issued October 24, 1989, to Peter.

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8. U.S. Patent No. 3,968,955 issued July 13, 1976, to Fritsch.
9. U.S. Patent No. 3,392,962 issued February 28, 1967 to Fritsch et al.
10. European Patent Application No. 0 611 078 A1 published August 17, 1994, to The Gates Rubber Company.
11. WO 03/009989 A1 published February 6, 2003, to Pirelli Pneumatici S.P.A.

One copy of each of the listed documents, other than any U.S. patents and patent publications, is submitted herewith.

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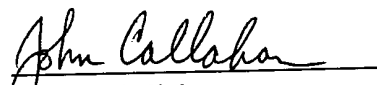
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